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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN MILITARY LEADERS URGE EXPEDITED US ARMS DELIVERIES

1. DURING RECENT WEEKS OUR MUSLO (MAAG) CHIEF HAS BEEN GETTING INCREASINGLY URGENT SIGNALS FROM SENIOR MOROCCAN MILITARY OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE NORMALLY WORKS. TOP LEVELS OF BOTH ARMY (RMA) AND AIR FORCE (RMAF) INVOLVED. DETAILS ARE BEING REPORTED THROUGH MUSLO CHANNELS; FOR PURPOSES THIS MESSAGE, WHICH IS INTENDED AS REPORTING VEHICLE RATHER THAN ACTION DOCUMENT, SITUATION CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: RMA AND RMAF WANT ITEMS ALREADY ON ORDER DELIVERED AS CLOSE TO INSTANTLY AS POSSIBLE, PLUS OTHER ITEMS THAT THEY VIEW AS BEING IN CRITICALLY SHORT SUPPLY (E.G., AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS).

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2. ON DEC. 22 MUSLO CHIEF RECEIVED MOST EXPLICIT RATIONALE

FOR THIS SENSE OF URGENCY THAT HE HAS HAD TO DATE. COL. KABBAJ, HEAD OF RMAF, TOLD HIM IN EFFECT THAT THE BASIC ISSUE WAS WHETHER MOROCCO WOULD SOON HAVE TO FIGHT A WAR WITH ALGERIA THAT IT COULD NOT WIN. KABBAJ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVEN IF USG FULLY MET THE URGENT DEMANDS HE AND HIS RMA COLLEAGUES WERE MAKING, MOROCCANS WOULD STILL BE OUT-GUNNED BY SUPERIOR ALGERIAN FORCES. HE FELT, HOWEVER, ONCE THE ALGERIANS PERCEIVED THAT MOROCCO'S FRIENDS WERE WILLING TO HELP THEM THEY WOULD THINK TWICE ABOUT STARTING ANYTHING MAJOR. HE ADDED THAT MOROCCAN MILITARY IS NOW AT ITS WEAKEST POINT AND THIS COULD TEMPT GOA TO START A MAJOR CONFLICT SOON, BEFORE THE ARRIVAL NEXT YEAR OF MAJOR SCHEDULED ARMS DELIVERIES.

3. COMMENT: KABBAJ'S STATEMENT WAS OBVIOUSLY SELF-SERVING BUT WE FIND IT HARD TO SPOT IMPORTANT FLAWS IN HIS LOGIC. IT IS INTERESTING THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING COMPARABLE SIGNALS ON ARMS DELIVERIES FROM THE PALACE OR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AT LEAST SO FAR. THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS A CERTAIN DICHOTOMY BETWEEN A POLITICAL LEVEL PREOCCUPIED WITH DIGESTING THE SAHARA WHILE AVOIDING WAR WITH ALGERIA IF POSSIBLE, AND A PROFESSIONAL MILITARY LEADERSHIP THAT IS INTENSELY PREOCCUPIED WITH NOT LOSING, IF WAR PROVES IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID.
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